

SCALE IS IMPOSED

ACTION OF MINERS AFTER A FOUR HOURS' MEETING.

Report of the General Committee, Agreeing on Present Scale, Adopted After Long Debate.

WILL BE NO COAL STRIKE

THE LONG BATTLE ENDS WITH NO BLOOD SPILLED.

The Agreement Is Considered by Representatives of Both Sides as a Compromise.

MINERS RESTIVE AT FIRST

A FULL EXPLANATION MADE BEFORE THEY WOULD YIELD.

Relations Between Miners and Operators Will Be Same as Last Year--Nottingham Mine Closed.

There will be no coal strike or lockout. The United Mine Workers, after being in session four hours last night, voted to accept the proposition of the scale committee. At first, when the report of the scale committee was received, more than two-thirds of the delegates protested against accepting it, and would have voted to strike had not the counsel of the members of the committee and officers and a full explanation of the existing conditions turned the sentiment. When the vote was taken about midnight the recommendation of the committee was almost unanimously endorsed.

The present scale at the several basing points is 30 cents a ton for screened coal in Pennsylvania, 30 cents in Ohio, 30 cents in the Indiana bituminous district and 30 cents in the block coal district. The scale on the run of mine system in Indiana and Illinois at the Lanthier point is 40 cents. All other conditions remain the same as last year with reference to run of mine, differential between pick and machine mining, and other matters are left to the several districts for settlement.

The settlement is somewhat of a surprise to many of the miners as they generally expected to get a slight increase. They did not expect the miners forced the operators to fight for a reduction in wages they did, but at this time some of the miners consider themselves lucky to escape a reduction. It was hard for the delegates to believe that the scale committee had finally agreed to offer a recommendation for the readoption of the present scale, but when matters were explained in detail, there was little dissatisfaction expressed.

ILLINOIS OPERATORS.

Some feeling has been engendered by the Illinois operators because of their attitude in the joint conference. The miners insisted on a run-of-mine system throughout the competitive field and a differential of 7 cents between pick and machine mining for the purpose of training the States east of Illinois up to that standard and thus establish uniformity. It is said that the Illinois operators came to the joint conference with the understanding that they were to assist in establishing these conditions. They were friendly in their attitude until yesterday, when they decided in the subcommittee not to vote a compromise unless the miners forced the operators of Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania to the Illinois system. This placed the miners in an embarrassing position and would have forced them to inaugurate a strike in the Eastern States to secure the demands or perhaps lose entirely. The miners saw they were between two fires, placing the organization against Illinois on one hand and against all of the States east of the other. They then decided not to let Illinois stand in the way of an agreement, to vote for the adoption of the old scale and force Illinois to accept it.

It was expected at the opening session of the subcommittee yesterday morning that a settlement would be effected in time to have it ratified by the joint conference, but the position taken by the Illinois operators "held up" the settlements. The subcommittee adjourned late in the afternoon to allow the Illinois operators to hold a meeting. It reconvened at 6 o'clock, and after being in session for an hour reached an agreement. A meeting of the general scale committee had been called for 8:15, and all of the members were waiting for the report of the subcommittee.

GENERAL COMMITTEE MET.

The general committee was called together immediately after the adjournment of the subcommittee and it took but half an hour to ratify the decision of the former. A meeting of the miners had been called in Masonic Hall for 8 o'clock to consider the report of the general committee and decide whether it should be agreed to or not. The miners were in the hall when the report was submitted and immediately opened a discussion among themselves. It followed a four hours' debate which satisfied the miners that a settlement on last year's prices would be equitable to both miners and operators, and they voted to accept the condition with pleasant faces.

While the miners lost every demand they made of the operators, yet the operators do not claim a victory nor do the miners consider that they were whipped. The demand of the operators for a 10 per cent reduction, which was at first regarded by the miners as a joke, was so firmly supported that the opinion that the operators were "buffing" was soon dispelled. This placed each side in the position of making demands, and the settlement is regarded by both as a compromise and the best thing that could be done by them. At no time during the sessions of the committees or the conference did the miners favor a strike nor did the operators express a desire for a lockout. They both said they wanted a peaceable settlement, and a week's mediation got it, although at times it looked as if the two forces would never get together.

As soon as the general committee agreed on the scale many of the operators took the night train for home, and after the meeting of the miners many of the latter also started for home without waiting for

"ABOU" BILL BRYAN.

Executive Board To-Day.

The executive board of the United Mine Workers met this morning at the headquarters of the committee and settle for one year, beginning April 1, a scale of wages for practically all miners in the bituminous coal fields of the United States.

MINE SUSPENDS OPERATIONS.

Trouble Over the Examination of Union Working Cards.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 7.—The big Nottingham mine of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company at Plymouth had to suspend operations to-day because a sufficient number of employees had not reported for work. The mine when in full operation employs 800 men and boys. The trouble has been brewing since Monday. One of the inside foremen, it is said, objected to a committee of United Mine Workers who are also employees of the mine, examining working cards of the men. When the members of the committee refused to comply with the order of the foreman they were notified that their services were no longer required. The matter was laid before the district assembly of the United Mine Workers and the majority of the miners said they would not report for work to-day.

According to a new rule adopted by the national convention of miners at Indianapolis recently, no strike can be declared at any colliery in the anthracite region until it receives the sanction of the district legislative body. The miners at the Nottingham colliery deny they are on strike. They say some men have simply quit. A meeting of the employees of the colliery was held to-night and a committee was appointed to treat on the official record of the company and notify them that unless the discharged men are reinstated a strike would be declared on Monday. The discharged foremen and pumpers will also be called out.

OFFER OF A DOCTOR.

New York Physician Expresses Willingness to Submit to Vivisection.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—As an outcome of the dispute in the medical fraternity between vivisectionists and anti-vivisectionists, Dr. J. Russell, of New York, has offered to submit to vivisection. His offer is not considered seriously by physicians, as it is altogether unlikely that a man of the profession would attempt such a thing even if the law would permit. Dr. Russell's offer makes the provision that his wife and family are to be cared for in the event of his death. In his statements Dr. Russell says: "I will when able assist my vivisectionists by such means as may be of interest or value to them and to me. The experiments are to be continued until I am too exhausted to be of further value as a subject or until I succumb. Should I survive at the end of a year of observation and experiment I stipulate that I may elect to be released from further service should I so desire."

Grafted 219 Inches of Skin.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—What is regarded by physicians as one of the most difficult skin-grafting operations ever performed has been completed here. On the body of five-year-old Marion Weaver 219 square inches of skin have been grafted. The operation took five months, as the surgeons could not take every fortnight owing to the low state of the boy's vitality. The new cuticle covers the patient's chest, abdomen, back and sides.

MONUMENT TO MAURY

Proposed by a French Savant at Paris--Maury's Achievements.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—A proposition has been made, says a Paris dispatch to the Herald, by Dr. A. Bergeret at the Sorbonne, to erect a monument to Maury, of the United States, the pioneer of modern meteorology and hydrography. The occasion was a lecture by Dr. Bergeret, professor of terrestrial physics at the Sorbonne, on "The Circulation of the Air." The lecturer explained the theory of the trade winds and of cyclone and anti-cyclone winds, and the importance of Maury's practical and popular. The student, a naval aviator, explained the importance of Maury's studies on the Gulf Stream and the maritime currents, and the importance of Maury's studies on the Gulf Stream and the maritime currents, and the importance of Maury's studies on the Gulf Stream and the maritime currents.

TO TEST A TRUST LAW.

Trial on Its Merits of Rival Salt Companies' Case in Ohio.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 7.—Judge Stone, of the Common Pleas Court, handed down a decision to-day in the legal controversy between the National Salt Company and the United Salt Company in favor of the former. The court dismissed the demurrer of the United Salt Company and the case went on for trial on its merits. The United Salt Company claimed that it was a trust in violation of the Valentine law and that the National Salt Company was a party to it. The National Salt Company claimed that it was a legitimate business and that the United Salt Company was a party to it. The court found in favor of the National Salt Company.

TO ELECTRIFY BRITAIN.

Street-Railway Development Company Incorporated at Trenton.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The incorporation of the Great Britain Railway Development Corporation at Trenton, N. J., is announced and, according to a director of the company, who will be quoted in the Journal and America to-morrow, will build and purchase electric lines in England, in those places where the transit facilities are in adequate to the demand and the equipment behind the age. According to the same paper, the company has a capital of \$1,000,000, but this is merely nominal. As a matter of fact, \$3,000,000 have been subscribed already by citizens of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Richmond.

LONG-DISTANCE TRIAL.

Telephone Used by a Judge to Confront a Kentuckian.

MT. VERNON, Ky., Feb. 7.—While Judge Durham, who is magistrate in the Wildcat district, was in town on some business he was called up over the telephone by Constable Harry Jones, who said he had in charge Daniel Dickerson, charged with breach of the peace. Dickerson asked an immediate trial, and it was agreed to conduct the trial by telephone. Half an hour's use of the wires by Judge Durham and County Attorney Bethune at this end and the constable and defendant at the other concluded the trial. The defendant, a farmer, with costs, amounting to \$12, which was promptly paid.



EARLHAM'S MAN WINS

ORATORICAL CONTEST RESULTED IN VICTORY FOR JOSEPH KENNEY.

He Is a Richmond Boy, and His Subject Was "L'Ouverture, the Emancipator."

OFFUTT, OF BUTLER, THIRD

DE PAUW'S ORATOR, J. M. DEVERS, TOOK SECOND PLACE.

Business Meeting of Oratorical Association--Reunions of Various Fraternities.

Joseph Kenney, of Earlham College, won the state intercollegiate oratorical contest at Tomlinson Hall last night. J. M. Devers, of De Pauw, took second place; Samuel J. Offutt, of Butler, third; A. C. Everingham, of Franklin, fourth; R. R. Alexander, of Wabash, fifth; J. F. Giboney, of Hanover, sixth.

Though the big hall was half full of the students at the time they assembled, until they left there was no lack of cheering. It was not an overboiling throng. The contests had been held before in a smaller place, and before the orators of last night began the president of the association, Xen H. Edwards, of De Pauw, asked that there be no noise during the speeches. Before the programme was opened the delegation from the different colleges lived with each other for the honor of shouting the loudest. Each delegation was led by its yell captain, and the yells were as diversified as might be. Butler, because of its being able to command a larger representation in this city than any other college, dominated the yelling.

Kenney, the winner of the contest, is a Richmond boy. He was born in 1881 and is now a junior at Earlham. He was a prize debater when he was in high school, and last year at Notre Dame he won the Breen gold medal in oratory. His subject last night was "L'Ouverture, the Emancipator." He gave this man's career a world-wide significance. L'Ouverture, he said, was born a slave on the island of St. Domingue in 1744. He was the last of a line of African chiefs, and his superiority lifted him above the listlessness of the slaves. The United States and the most powerful nations of Europe had recognized the slavery of negroes as legitimate, but when France defied liberty and equality after a reign of blood the negroes of France's possession, St. Domingue, were stirred to demand their human rights. The French governor of the island refused to concede freedom to them, and led by L'Ouverture, they rose in rebellion. Armed with clubs and corn knives they successfully fought 8,000 of the best soldiers of France. L'Ouverture was captured by a breach of faith and taken to France, where he died in a prison in 1804. But it was too late then for France to defeat L'Ouverture's cause by removing him. And his struggle was an inspiration to Garrison, Phillips and Lincoln in America. The negro owes his freedom from slavery primarily to L'Ouverture.

JEAN VALJEAN AS A TYPE.

Devers attempted an analysis of society's attitude toward the criminal. He sketched the career of Jean Valjean, who was imprisoned for having stolen a loaf of bread to feed the children of his family, and who was thus made a criminal by the law when at heart he was honest. Assuming that Victor Hugo's hero did and was done to as related in "Les Miserables," Devers asserted Valjean to be a universal type of the man wronged by society. Sociology must be the evolution of Christian thought, he said. Society must be separated, for otherwise it occurs that the cashier of a savings bank steals hundreds of person's money and successfully evades the law with his ill-gotten gains, while the man that steals bread for his family must go to prison. The saloons feed the penitentiaries and should be wiped out. Greedy capitalists invent the lockout and the blacklist and they create anarchy.

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